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Jan. 23, Sat., fine.

At 11:40 a.m. HARAADA phoned me that the Cabinet has decided to resign en toto.

In the afternoon, I went to the office of the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal and made arrangements with the Lord Keeper, the Grand Chamberlain, the Vice Grand Chamberlain and the Chief Secretary, in the Grand Chamberlain's room concerning the procedure of Emperor's inquiry to the Genro.

The Cabinet Meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. was postponed and shortly after 4:00 p.m. Premier HIROTA called at the Palace and presented his letter of resignation. The Premier stated in the letter that recent political situations have been so grave that he felt himself incapable of retaining the Premier's post.

The War Minister, unlike the other Ministers, stated in his letter of resignation that the recent political situation was inconsistent with his beliefs and that he feared he would fail in controlling the Army. His letter of resignation was dated of the 22nd, one day previous to those of the others.

昭和十二年木戸侯爵日記（檢察文書第一六三三號）  
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一月二十三日（土）晴

十一時四十分原田ヨリ電話ニテ内閣ハ總辭職ニ決シタル旨報知アリ

午後内大臣府ニ至リ侍從長室ニテ内大臣侍從長次長秘書官長ト共ニ元老  
ニ御下問ノ手続キニツキ打合ス、午後一時半ヨリ閣議開催ノ筈ナリシカ  
延引シ四時過ニ至リ廣田首相參内辭表ヲ呈呈ス 首相ノ分ハ近時ノ政情  
ハ微力其ノ任ニ堪ヘストハ意味ヲ記ス

陸軍大臣ノ分ニハ他ノ閣僚ト異リ近時ノ政情ハ自己ノ信念ト相容レサル  
モノアリ、軍ノ統制ヲ誤ルノ懼レアリトノ意味ヲ記セリ日附モ一日前ノ  
二十二日ナリ